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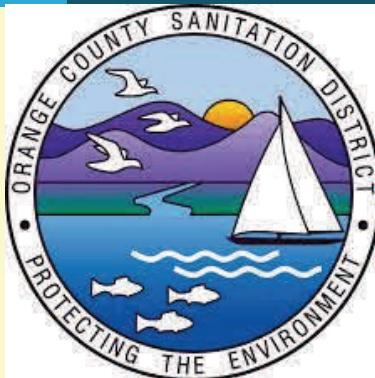
- ◆ DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO
- ◆ GREEN EXPO
- ◆ PACIFIC CITY CONSTRUC-TION
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# City Manager's Report

SEPTEMBER 3, 2014



## Lane Closures: September through mid-May 2015

Cross-town commuters! There is a very large project by the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) along Pacific Coast Highway between Dover Drive and Newport Boulevard in Newport Beach.

The project will result in lane closures for the period of **September 9, 2014 through mid-May 2015!** OCSD will be replacing a major force main that runs down the middle of the road, and much of the work will involve the westbound section of the road. Between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, significant portions of the westbound highway will be down to one lane only. The eastbound side will be generally at two lanes all the time. There are changeable message signs up now.

We are encouraging our residents who commute through this area, especially during the morning commute, to use other options whenever possible! The best alternatives will be:

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| Fire Department       | 2-3   | If going westbound on PCH from Laguna Beach or Dana Point:<br>◆ Take Newport Coast Drive to the 73 north (then the 405 or 55); or<br>◆ Take MacArthur or Jamboree, also to the 73 north (then the 405 or 55) |
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| Information Services  | 5     | If going eastbound on PCH from Huntington Beach:<br>◆ Take Superior or Newport Boulevard to the 55 north then the 405.   |
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- For more information please visit:  
<http://www.ocsd.com/home/showdocument?id=16165>.
- For questions or concerns call the hotline at 714-679-2088 or [construction-hotline@ocsd.com](mailto:construction-hotline@ocsd.com).**

**Like seeing our City News Videos?  
Watch the latest summer wrap up video here!**

<http://youtu.be/MJNMFqH6gbw>

## FREE Huntington Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo 2014

The City of Huntington Beach would like to invite residents to the annual Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Huntington Beach (HB) Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office. Representatives will be on hand from the HB Police Department, HB Fire Department Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), FireMed, National Weather Service, American Red Cross, HB Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), HB Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), Ready OC, and more.

The Expo is free of charge and will have fun and exciting demonstrations by experts in disaster preparedness. Learn about the hazards facing Huntington Beach and what you need to do to prepare such as, how to use a fire extinguisher, prepare a grab-n-go bag, 72 hour survival kit, etc. In addition, disaster preparedness vendors will be on hand to provide literature about equipment and kits that can be purchased. The event will be held at the Seabreeze Church at 18162 Gothard.

For more information, call Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator at 714-374-1565.

## Commercial Structure Fire

On August 28, 2014 at 2:42 p.m., the Huntington Beach Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in a vacant, two-story medical building located at 17762 Beach Blvd. Upon arrival, firefighters found moderate smoke coming from the roof of the building and ordered additional resources. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to a roof-top storage area. A total of 6 fire engines, 2 ladder trucks, 2 chief officers, and 1 ambulance responded to the incident which is being investigated as arson. One firefighter, operating in the 93 degree heat, was transported to a local hospital for treatment of heat related illness.

## Residential Structure Fire

Just after 5 a.m. on August 31, 2014, the Huntington Beach Fire Department responded to a reported fire in an apartment complex in the 16000 block of Sher Lane. Upon arrival, firefighters found a carport and multiple vehicles involved with heavy fire, and threatening nearby structures. Aggressive actions by the firefighters kept the fire from spreading to the adjacent structures. Four vehicles and the carport were destroyed, with other nearby vehicles and a fence also damaged by the fire which is being investigated as arson.

# Fire Department News

## National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is observed each September in the United States sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). NPM encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies including:

- ◆ “Get a Kit” - Assembling emergency supply kits
- ◆ “Make a Plan” - Organizing a family emergency plan
- ◆ “Get Educated” - Training and engaging in community preparedness and response efforts

Preparing for a disaster is a top priority of the city's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program. Countless hours have been spent preparing disaster plans, training our employees and volunteers, organizing exercises, and ensuring that the city is prepared for emergencies that may occur in our community. However, we cannot do it on our own.

Throughout the month of September, the Fire Department will be highlighting important topics in the City Manager's Weekly Report to help educate you on the importance of being prepared for emergencies.

The city is exposed to a variety of hazards such as earthquakes, flood, tsunami, terrorism, etc., and our greatest individual defense is being prepared. In a disaster, emergency response personnel and local officials may become overwhelmed and resources will be limited. Advance preparation is necessary because there won't be time to shop or search for the supplies needed when a disaster strikes. A disaster plan will help with safety, security, and comfort. Regardless of the type of disaster, there are things you can do to prepare. Are you fully prepared if a disaster strikes Huntington Beach today?

For preparedness questions specifically for the City of Huntington Beach, contact:

Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator  
Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office  
714-374-1565  
[bmettler@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:bmettler@surfcity-hb.org)

For more information on Disaster Preparedness, please visit the following On-line Resources:

[www.ReadyOC.org](http://www.ReadyOC.org)  
[www.HuntingtonBeachca.gov/CERT](http://www.HuntingtonBeachca.gov/CERT)  
[www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)  
[www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org)  
[www.AlertOC.org](http://www.AlertOC.org)

# Library News

## **Homework Help is Available at the Library!**

The Huntington Beach Library offers two free resources for all age students returning to school after summer break. The online homework database HelpNow! Powered by Brainfuse is available on the Library's website [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) and is accessible from home with a library card or by using one of the computers in the Children's area inside the Library. Students can connect with live tutors, get reading, writing and language assistance, study tips and much more.



Another great resource for students is the Homework Club for elementary and middle school students. Central Library's homework club starts September 22 and is held Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maddy Room (registration begins 3:15). The Oak View Branch Library's homework club meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 pm. Students and parents need to register with the onsite coordinator before tutoring begins.

**For more information please call 714-374-5338 at Central and 714-375-5068 at Oak View.**



## **September Luncheon to Feature Local Authors**

Huntington Beach authors Chris Epting and Mary Urashima will speak at the next Friends of the Library (FOTL) luncheon on Thursday, September 18 at the Central Library. Epting brings his own perspective to the history of Huntington Beach in his latest book **HUNTINGTON BEACH CHRONICLES: THE HEART OF SURF CITY**. Urashima's new book, **HISTORIC WINTERSBURG IN HUNTINGTON BEACH**, focuses on the unique history of the Japanese pioneer experience through today's urgency to save the area as an historic site. The authors will sign copies of their books before and after the luncheon, beginning at 11:30am.



Tickets are \$20 each and seating is limited. **Reservations must be made no later than Monday, September 15.** Reservation forms are available at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/users/library/updates/author.pdf>

**For more information please contact the Friends of the Library at 714-375-8429.**

# Library News

## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!



A library card today offers much more than the privilege of borrowing books. With a library card you can check out a DVD or Book on CD; access e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines; get online with our free internet (2 hours max per day). You can also gain access to special online tools that provide homework help, live tutoring, GED test-prep, resume and career guidance, interactive foreign language instruction, reference resources for in-depth assignments, and more!

Getting a Huntington Beach Library card is free and easy for all City residents, property owners and HB business owners. Minors can obtain a card with permission from their parent or legal guardian. Applicants can choose to pre-register online via the Library's website [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org), clicking on the "My Account / Renew" tab,

selecting the "Sign up for a Library Card" button and filling out the form.

Then simply visit any one of the five Library locations within the City – Central Library, Helen Murphy Branch, Oakview Branch, Main Street Branch, or Banning Branch – and bring two (2) forms of ID, such as a driver's license, student ID, card or bank statement, utility bill, rental agreement, or other printed proof of current address to complete your registration. Anyone not eligible for a free Huntington Beach Library card may still obtain one by paying an annual fee of \$25.

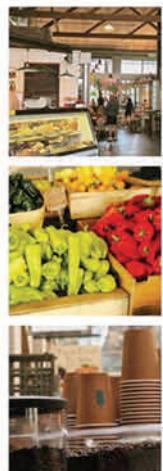
Remember, a library card is the *smartest* card in your wallet!

## Information Services

Did you know you can get an online estimate of building permit construction fees based on your project valuation on the City Website? To find a quick link to this Fee Calculator online application, click on the Services navigation tab and then click on Planning and Construction. A link to the Fee Calculator will be on the Planning and Construction page.

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/building\\_safety/permit\\_center/fee\\_schedule\\_information.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/building_safety/permit_center/fee_schedule_information.cfm)

# Business Development



## LATEST SCOOP ON PACIFIC CITY

You may have noticed quite a bit of activity along Pacific Coast Highway between First and Huntington Streets. Pacific City is off and running, and we're happy to keep you up to date and share the latest from Pacific City — the next exciting project taking place in the Downtown.

Construction is underway on the site of the retail space, which will host more than 50 shops and boutique retailers, as well as Pasea, the 250-room boutique resort hotel, which broke ground in June. Thus far, DJM Capital Partners, the developers and own-

ers of Bella Terra, have announced two major tenants for the retail space opening in 2015. Fitness club Equinox, will occupy 28,000 square feet, and Bear Flag Fish Co, will be among the second floor tenants housed within a 35,825 square foot area called "Lot 579." DJM considers Lot 579 (named for the lifeguard tower across the street), to be the retail center's anchor tenant, and will feature several other unique eateries and retailers operating in a more intimate setting.

The hotel, Pasea, which translates from the Spanish to "take a stroll," is scheduled for completion in 2016. Pasea will include a broad range of luxurious amenities including a Balinese spa, rooftop deck and bar overlooking the ocean, expansive pool area, and more. Also underway is the completion of plans for 516 luxury apartment homes and a public park which will be constructed on the site. Pacific City's website <http://gopacificcity.com> features photos, an active blog, and links to social media. Check the website for ongoing updates and information about the project and we'll also be sure share exciting news about Pacific City as it continues to evolve.



# Planning and Building

## Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following item is scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

1. **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 13-005 (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY SCENE)**: To permit a three day drive-thru exhibition, including live animals, live actors, and amplified sound. The proposed event would occur annually during the month of December for five consecutive years commencing in 2014 and is located at 1207 Main Street, 92648 (west side of Main St., near 17<sup>th</sup> St. and Adams Ave.). Please contact Joanna Cortez, Assistant Planner, for more information.
2. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-012 (MY PLACE SPORTS BAR & GRILL OUTDOOR DINING)**: To permit the establishment of a 400 sq. ft. outdoor dining area with on-site consumption of beer and wine in conjunction with an existing restaurant located at 5452 Commercial Drive, 92649 (southwest corner of Commercial Drive and Graham Street). Please contact Joanna Cortez, Assistant Planner, for more information.
3. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-009 (ANAHEIM DUCKS FUTSAL FACILITY)**: (a) To establish a 27,000 sq. ft. indoor soccer facility and (b) a 300-space parking reduction associated with an existing 73,051 sq. ft. inline hockey facility and the proposed indoor soccer facility based on a parking demand study. The project is located at 5555 McFadden Avenue, 92649 (north side of McFadden Avenue and east of Graham Street). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.
4. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-018 (COMPASS BIBLE CHURCH)**: To establish a new religious assembly use at Marina High School within the amphitheater bowl, cafeteria, and one classroom on Sundays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The project is located at 15871 Springdale Street, 92649 (northwest corner of Springdale Street and Edinger Avenue). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website:  
<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm>.

**Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.**

# Public Works



## FREE admission to the Green Expo Sept. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pier Plaza

Stop by the **Water Conservation Booth** for a chance to win a prize at our Water Conservation Wheel. It's an opportunity to learn about our precious water resources. We will have devices on hand that can help save water and money on irrigation. Learn about water efficiency, the drought, and upcoming free landscaping classes, rainwater harvesting classes, and more. Find out about a brand new landscape class this fall presented by G3 Green Gardens Group. They will teach the importance of water sustainability and how to view your property as a mini-watershed. These classes will be free to Huntington Beach residents.

If you have turf, find out about the Turf Removal Program and get paid \$2-per-square-foot of turf that is removed and replaced with beautiful California Friendly Landscaping. Fall is the best time to plant California Native Plants so why not attend Shipley Nature Center's Native Plant Sale on Oct. 18. Huntington Beach residents will receive a special voucher to buy one plant get one plant free (limit 5 free plants). Shipley also has a wonderful demonstration garden full of native plants. We all can help do our part by being mindful to not waste water. For more information, visit the Water Conservation website at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwaterr](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwaterr).

**Please use water wisely!**

# Community Services

## Surf City Seniors Provider Network Luncheon!

For over 20 years the City of Huntington Beach Senior Services has been hosting a bi-monthly networking meeting to help foster interagency communication, increase education, and strengthen services to older adults in our community. In August, Huntington Terrace Senior Living treated the group of over 60 professionals by hosting the meeting and provided a gourmet barbecue at their beautiful HB location. [www.mbkSeniorliving.com](http://www.mbkSeniorliving.com). If you are interested in participating in the next Surf City Seniors Provider Network Luncheon on October 16 please contact Heather Dodd at (714) 374-1517 [Heather.Dodd@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Heather.Dodd@surfcity-hb.org) for more information.



## Volleyball League!

Say goodbye to those back-to-school blues and say hello to the City of Huntington Beach Indoor Coed Volleyball League! It's time once again for our fifth through eighth grade students to get active and involved in recreation programs. Participants of this eleven week league will focus on getting up, getting out, and getting together to build new friendships in a friendly, team-oriented environment. After two weeks of evaluations at the City Gym & Pool, all players will have a chance to shine during six league games and concluding tournament. Work towards developing skills and abilities, both individually and as a member of our parent-coached teams.



The first evaluation will take place on Saturday, September 13. Registration for the league is *available now* in-person at any community center or online at [HBsands.org](http://HBsands.org).

**Contact the City Gym & Pool at 714-960-8884 for more information.**

# Community Services



## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Saturday Community Festival Showcases Products and Services for Seniors and Families

This Saturday, September 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Huntington Beach Council on Aging will hold its annual Senior Saturday Community Festival at the beautiful Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach.

**Senior Saturday** is the largest FREE Senior Expo in Orange County.

Approximately 80 sponsor booths will provide valuable information on products and services specifically geared to a growing community of baby boomers, older adults, and their families. This is an excellent opportunity for Boomers, seniors, and their families to spend Saturday by the Pier gathering pertinent information in a festive atmosphere.

In addition to the sponsor booths, there will be a \$2 breakfast, \$2 lunch, give-aways, health screenings, and free entertainment throughout the event.

"It was very helpful, it gave me an opportunity to win a TV. They have raffles here, and we enjoy coming down. It's a nice day. The information is very useful, and we go through it when we go home. My wife and I always come down here every year," stated **Senior Saturday** visitor Bob Rivas.

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is a non-profit corporation that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center and the Seniors Outreach Center.

Bring your family and friends for a fun filled day. There will be shuttle service provided by the Surf City Seniors On the Go Buses from City Hall to Pier Plaza beginning at 9 a.m.

**For more information, please call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center at (714) 536-9387.**



# Community Services

## Beach Operations Dives into Social Media!

In order to better serve the community, visitors, and customers, the Beach Operations Division has launched Facebook and Twitter pages. Social media allows the division to communicate beach conditions, parking and traffic conditions, as well as keep people informed about beach events. The pages were established in June and have already seen a positive response from the community. The Facebook page boasts over 100 “likes,” while the Twitter page has surged to well over 600 “followers.”

The social media outlets played an integral part in communicating to the public during major events like July 4<sup>th</sup>, the US Open of Surf and more recently, during the week of dangerously high surf. The Twitter page has even garnered the attention of local news media such as KTLA 5, CBS 2, and KCAL 9 and has been “retweeted” by them on several occasions. During the week of the US Open, the Beach Operations Facebook and Twitter pages had almost 26,000 views combined.

Proactive monitoring and active engagement with the social media community has not only provided the public with up-to-the minute information, but has served to inform staff about potential problems or incidents. This dialogue gives the community another outlet to have their voice heard and helps staff to obtain relevant concerns from public comments.

We invite everyone to “like” Beach Operations on Facebook and “follow” them on Twitter. Facebook.com/HBCityBeachInfo, Twitter.com/HBCityBeach.

## Adventure Playground

The City of Huntington Beach’s Adventure Playground finished off one of its best Summer seasons in recent memory. With an extra week of adventure this year, the program saw nearly 13,000 participants come in to enjoy rafting across the mud pond, balancing on the rope bridge, splashing down the mud slide and building with hammers and saws in the fort area. Many groups, organizations continue to make this one of their “MUST DO” activities for their Summer programs. This year warm weather and a great staff helped the program continue its popularity and make 2014 one of the most successful years in recent memory. The area is currently closed and will re-open again for fun in June 2015.



# Police Department

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## Huntington Beach Police Department

### BLOOD DRIVE

All participants will receive a coupon for 2 complimentary tickets to the Hollywood or Long Beach Laugh Factory! (2 drink minimum required),  
a coupon by email for a free Varsity Haircut at Sport Clips and 50% off selected games for the San Diego Padres.

**Thursday, September 4, 2014**

**9:30 AM – 3:45 PM**

**Location: 2000 Main Street - Bloodmobile**

To schedule your appointment, go online to [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

Sponsor Code: **surfcity**

For more information, contact Nilda Berndt at (714) 536-5933

Identification is required.

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## **HBPD Blood Drive**

Thursday, September 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at City Hall. For faster service, please schedule an appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood> and use Sponsor Code: **surfcity**

See you there!!

# Police Department

**SAVE THE DATE...HB Police Department OPEN HOUSE**  
**Saturday, September 20**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

IN CELEBRATION OF COMPASSIONATE HB <http://www.compassionatehb.com/>

A compassionate Huntington Beach recognizes the benefits of compassionate action by encouraging city leadership and community organizations who are working together to foster compassionate and caring actions.

More details to follow next week!

## **NOTE\* Special Message from Chief Handy!**

Elementary school is starting back up to school this week. This link is to an open letter from Chief Robert Handy to both parents and students regarding traffic and bicycle safety. There is helpful information and links to other resources to provide tips and topics for those important parent-child safety conversations. Let's work together for a safe school year for all students.

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/divisions/uniform/traffic/  
BicycleSafety.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/divisions/uniform/traffic/BicycleSafety.cfm)



## City Hall Directory

City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 536-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5542
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library Services	(714) 842-4481
Planning & Building	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal	(714) 960-8861



Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

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